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REMARKS

Claims 25-48 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 25-48 are rejected. Claims 25, 26, 30-32 and 44 are amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 30-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

Regarding claims 30-32. the Examiner points to the phrases "or the like" and "such as," and asserts that they render the claims indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

The offensive phrases have been deleted in the rejected claims and in claim 44.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Janssen (US 6,560,529). This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claims 25 and 26

Regarding claims 25 and 26, the Examiner asserts that Janssen discloses all of the recited limitations in the claims.

These claims have been amended to specify that <u>both</u> voice and image are used together. In the present invention, the circumstances around the traffic facilities are obtained as image <u>and</u> voice. However, in Janssen, the circumstances around the traffic facilities are obtained only as image. Accordingly, the invention o, the present invention is different from Janssen.

Claims 27-29

These claims would be patentable for reasons given for parent claim 25.

Conclusion

The rejections of claims 30-43 have been overcome and they are not rejected on the basis of prior art. Thus, these claims now should be found allowable. The rejection of claims 25-29 also has been overcome and the claim should be considered both novel and unobvious.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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